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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Appeal Brief and Amendment, in triplicate, in the aboveidentified application. Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$160 appeal brief filing fee, the \$55 extension fee and any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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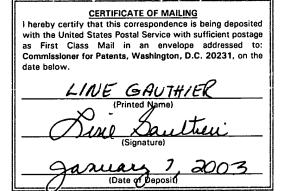
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## **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Accompanied by the Appeal Brief submitted herewith, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

## In The Claims

Please replace claims 89 and 95 with the following amended claims. A marked-up version of the claims, indicating the amendments, is provided herewith as Appendix A.

89. (Amended)

A method for determining the presence or amount of a plurality of target

ligands in a sample, the method comprising:

contacting the diagnostic element of claim 74 with